The 1994 Tribal Scholarship application period is open from February 10 to April 10, 2023!
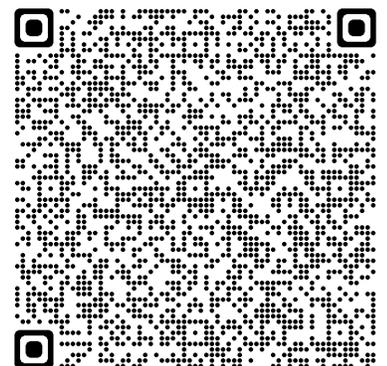
Please consult the USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Applicant Guidebook for detailed instructions on how to create an account and apply. You will be applying through an electronic portal and will need to upload documents. You will need to identify two people and provide their emails to provide recommendations for you.

USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Application Applicant Guide (PDF, 1009 KB)

You may access the 2023 E-application for the 1994 Tribal Scholars Program at the following link: services.usda.gov/sp

An application package includes the following documents: an essay, your resume, two letters of recommendation, and transcript.

- <u>Resume</u> – Submit your current resume
- <u>Essay</u> – Submit an essay answering these questions below with a word count of 500 – 800 words.
    1) What motivates you to consider a career in public service working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture? Include information about your educational and career goals and how this scholarship may assist you.
    2) How did you become interested in studying food, agriculture, and natural resource sciences or another related discipline in college?

- <u>Two Letters of Recommendation</u> – You will need to request two people to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf. You will need to provide their email addresses. One must be from your academic counselor, advisor, or faculty member. The second letter of recommendation should be from a community organization or an employer. Each letter must address your
    1) Personal strengths.
    2) Leadership qualities and potential.
    3) Academic and extracurricular achievements.
    4) Future academic and career aspirations.

- <u>Official Transcript</u> – Submit official college/university transcripts indicating your most recent academic work.

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